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Applicant : : MUNROE, et al.  
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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding non-final Office Action dated September 11, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments herein and reconsideration of the application in view of these amendments and the remarks below.

**Amendments to the specification** are reflected beginning at page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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